(b) New zones are created on the basis of their workload, accessibility and other administrative/operational requirements.

Misconduct of Railway officials at Rajdhani accident site

2468. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was gross misconduct by the Railway officials at the accident site of Howrah—Delhi Rajdhani;

(b) whether the railway officials refused to hand over dead bodies to the relatives of the deceased at some particular stage, even after they were identified and post mortems were over; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government against the officials who mistreated people, at the time of such crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Karnataka proposal on re-organisation of Railway Zones

2469. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of Karnataka Government regarding re-organisation of Railway Divisions and Zones is still pending with Government; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(c) by when the proposal is likely to be considered by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Since the issue of notifications for the new Zones and Divisions by the Ministry of Railways, on 14.6.02 and 4.7.02, several State Governments including the Karnataka Government have sent proposals for new Zones or Divisions and also for changes in their jurisdictions. The Karnataka Government has proposed for Guntakal Division to be a part of South Western Railway, as also